

Legislature, and they can do it through the football program. I didn't realize that those free tickets and the free lunches, the things they give the senators on football Saturdays, meant so much. I never go to them. They let you sit up in a big box, I understand, and make you warm, and give you pancakes, and syrup, and coffee, and hot toddies, or whatever it is that you want, and then whenever they bring something to the Legislature, they have got it. I give them credit, Senator Hannibal. They may not care much about education but they have an education of their own in how to influence senators and control the Legislature, but they can control the Legislature only on the peripheral issues. I guess if everybody in here had a college degree, there might be as much interest in education as there is shown because most people will go to a football game. So, if we had more college graduates than we had football fans maybe there could be a more rational approach to this subject and a more responsible position taken. But I guess the fans will win, and that term "fan" is short for the term "fanatic", and that is what we are seeing here today, and if the Legislature can bend the knee at the altar of Big Red Football religion, then I don't think any criticism ought to be given to those lesser lights out there who do whatever they do to get their fun when they go to a game. If they bring frozen oranges and throw it out on the field and hit somebody on the side of the head, and they become a quadriplegic, that is a part of the game and a part of the cost that must be borne. If they want to come there and get drunk and carry on like drunk people do, that is fine. You have to give the crowds their circuses, sour wine, and free bread. That is what they did in Rome. Like everybody here has talked about it will keep them from going to bars and taverns. Don't give them principles, don't give them values, give them the wine and the circus and that will keep them from going out into the taverns. Tragic, pathetic, but that is Nebraska. Those are the standards. My people sent me down here to be in this Legislature, and you can't bring the one you are going to dance with, you have got to dance with what is there. And I say from looking at some of the stuff that comes through this Legislature, the Legislature needs to do some serious thinking. I am going to tell you all a joke, and this is about the kind of legislation and this kind of activity. There was this old, old sister sitting in the back of the church, and this brand new young preacher was up there just preaching, preaching his heart out, first sermon. He felt very full of himself, and so when he got through, he was impressed. And when he asked this old sister as he was leaving the church what she thought of it, she said, well, maybe what you said was pretty good, but by the time